

ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
SCHOOL COMMITTEE
Superintendent of Schools
and Supervisors
OF THE
Town of Southbridge, Mass.
FOR THE YEAR ENDING
DECEMBER 31st, 1924



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Organization of the SCHOOL COMMITTEE—1924-1925

Pierre Lafortune, Chairman, 11 Chestnut St.	1925
Joseph Flood, Vice Secretary, 38 South St.	1925
Hector Peloquin, 30 Hamilton St.	1926
Alfred E. LaPierre, 4 Crane St.	1926
J. Arthur Genereux, 2 Twinehurst Place	1927
Joseph V. Laughnane, 10 Pine St.	1927

Repairs Committee

J. Arthur Genereux Alfred E. LaPierre

School Supplies

Joseph V. Flood, Chairman

Hector L. Peloquin Joseph Laughnane

Superintendent of Schools

Fred E. Corbin, residence: 6 Everett St., Tel. 365-R

Office: Town Hall Building, Tel. 365-W

The Superintendent Office is open on School Days from 8 to 11.30 A. M. and 1.30 to 5.00 P. M. Saturdays, 9.00 to 12.00 A. M. Monday and Wednesday evenings, 7.00 to 7.30 P. M.

Superintendent's Clerk

Rita D. Richard, 19 Sayles St., Tel. 29-W

School Physician

Dr. Charles Simpson, 54 Hamilton St., Tel. 326

School Nurse

Marguerite Houle, 24 Marcy Street, Tel. 774-W

Attendance Officer

Margaret G. Butler, 24 Marcy Street, Tel. 615-W

School Calendar

Winter Term, eight weeks, December 22 to February 20

Spring Term, eight weeks, March 2 to April 25

Summer Term, eight weeks, May 4 to June 27

Fall Term, sixteen weeks, September 2 to December 19

No School Signals

1-1-1 on fire alarm at 8 a. m. No school for primary grades

2-2-2 on fire alarm at 8 a. m. No school in any grade.

1-1-1 on fire alarm at 11.30 a. m. One session.

1-1-1 on fire alarm at 12.30. Afternoon session for all schools.

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE

To the Citizens of Southbridge:

The School Committee herewith submit the following report of the finances of the School Department of the town for the year closing December 31, 1924, together with their recommendations of appropriations for the coming year. As to all matters connected with the policy and management of the schools, the committee refer to the report of the superintendent of schools, Mr. F. E. Corbin, which is hereby submitted as a part of our report.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Receipts—Appropriation \$134,550.00
Smith-Hughes Fund, U. S. Government 1,160.94

\$135,710.94

Expenditures—General control \$5,277.76

High Schools—Teachers \$15,297.00

Janitor 1,274.97

Books 1,145.52

Supplies 1,079.35

Fuel 1,907.82

Gas and Electricity 549.43

Water 212.91

New Equipment 981.78

Repairs 1,161.63

Miscellaneous 615.87

Janitor Supplies 42.28 \$24,268.54

Elementary—Teachers \$54,256.70

Janitors 5,810.97

Books 1,250.57

Supplies 1,325.35

Fuel 4,296.11

Gas and Electricity 91.28

Water 558.74

Repairs 3,201.05

Transportation 1,964.90

Health 700.00

Miscellaneous 1,433.03

Janitors Supplies 198.33

New Equipment 483.44 \$75,570.47

Factory Classes	\$1,360.87	
Evening Schools	2,122.69	
Continuation School	9,991.27	
Vocational School	15,958.40	
Total Expenditures		134,550.00

Receipts returned to Town Treasurer:

Massachusetts School Fund	\$8,577.65	
Vocational School State Grant ...	4,532.33	
Smith-Hughes U. S. Govt. fund ...	1,160.94	
Factory Classes, A. O. Co.	402.75	
Factory Classes, H. W. Co.	188.00	
Factory Classes, state grant	841.73	
Hamilton Woolen Co. Voc. School ..	600.00	
High School tuition	1,885.75	
Elementary school tuition	48.00	
Vocational school tuition	1,281.50	
Car tickets sold	99.80	
Supplies sold	36.40	
Continuation School, state	3,786.59	
Evening school vocational, state ...	258.68	
Continuation school tuitions	430.92	
Refunds	82.80	\$24,213.89
Net cost to the town		\$110,336.11

As shown above the net cost of the schools for the year 1924 was \$110,336.11. For the year 1923, the net cost was \$100,688.76, an increase of \$9,647.35.

This increase was caused principally by the establishing of the maximum salary schedule of the elementary teachers at \$1,400.00 and of the high school teachers at \$1,500.00 making an increase of \$100 in each class; by the addition of two teachers to the high school corps; and the purchase of some machinery for the Vocational School.

The Committee are pleased to report that the four room building at River Street was completed and ready for occupancy at the opening of the schools in September. The people of that section now have a modern up-to-date school plant. The cost was as follows:

Appropriation, 1923	\$42,000.00	
Appropriation, 1924	400.00	\$42,400.00
Total Appropriation		\$42,400.00

F. X. Laliberte & Son, gen contr. ... \$30,764.01
 Joseph Duhamel, heating contractor . 6,300.00
 Joseph Duhamel, plumbing contractor 1,775.00

Bancroft Elec. Co., wiring	454.00
American Elec. Co., fixtures	213.00
Arthur J. Genereux, test pits	22.65
W. C. Lewis, hardware	471.78
Architect's Sum, 6%	2,399.35
Net cost of building	<u>\$42,399.79</u>

It will be necessary to do some grading on the lot and a reasonable sum for this purpose should be appropriate at the March meeting.

"Craigulators" have been installed on all the boilers and furnaces of the school department. All the janitors agree that there has been a saving of coal from their use. The cost was \$500.

The grounds back of the high school have been graded and shrubbery selected and set out under the direction of the landscape gardening expert of the Amherst Agricultural College.

Respectfully submitted,

PIERRE LAFORTUNE, Chairman.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

To the School Committee of Southbridge:

I have the pleasure to present to you my twenty-third annual report, it being the fortieth of the series of reports issued by the superintendents of the public schools of this town. Throughout this report the year relative to attendance extends from September 1923 to July 1924; the year relative to expenditures from January 1, 1924 to January 1, 1925.

STATISTICS—I. Population and Valuation

Population of town, census of 1920	14,245
Assessed valuation of town	\$11,886,890
Number of polls, male	4,597
Rate of taxation	\$30.00
Number of voters, male	2,573
Number of voters, female	2,333
Valuation of school houses and lots	\$448,400.00
Valuation of other school property	\$31,810.00

II. School Houses

School houses, occupied	10
School houses, unoccupied	1
School rooms, occupied	55

School rooms, unoccupied	1
Number of sittings	1,945

III. Teachers

Number of male teachers	9
Number of female teachers	46
Number of special teachers, females	3

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IV. Pupils

Number of children in town September 1, as reported by
the census enumerator:

	1923	1924
Between the ages of 5 and 16	3134	3192
Between the ages of 5 and 7	561	557
Between the ages of 14 and 16	534	511
Total enrollment Sept. to June	1627	1594
Average membership	1473	1460
Average daily attendance	1393	1338
Number between 5 and 7	142	126
Number between 7 and 14	1046	1014
Number between 14 and 16	311	257
Number over 16 years of age	128	132
Number enrolled at Notre Dame	709	746
Number between 5 and 7	65	83
Number between 7 and 14	579	646
Number between 14 and 16	65	17
Number over 16	0	0
Average membership	654	703
Average attendance	627	669
Number of teachers	12	14
Number enrolled at Sacred Heart	432	470
Number between 5 and 7	58	81
Number between 7 and 14	346	387
Number between 14 and 16	28	26
Number over 16 years of age	0	0
Average membership	418	459
Average attendance	403	437
Number of teachers	9	9
Number enrolled at St. Mary's	203	207
Number between 5 and 7	25	27
Number between 7 and 14	121	140
Number between 14 and 16	30	23
Average membership	192	196
Average attendance	178	181
Number of teachers	8	8

Number of pupils over 16 years of age	17
Number enrolled at Day School	27
Number between 5 and 7	8
Number between 7 and 14	19
Number between 14 and 16	0
Average membership	25
Average daily attendance	22
Number of teachers	2

Cost Per Pupil

Total expenses for the grades	\$75,570.47
Cost per pupil based on total enrollment	\$54.56
Cost per pupil based on average membership	\$59.03
Total expense for High School	\$24,688.54
Cost per pupil based on total enrollment	\$121.34
Cost per pupil based on average membership	\$136.55

Physical Tests

Children examined 1610	Eyes defective 158
Ears defective 41	Parents notified 159

CHANGE OF TEACHERS—Resigned

March	George Miller	Vocational School
June	John Doyle	High
June	Catherine O'Donnell	High
June	Myrtis Johnson	High
June	Jean Russell	Continuation School
June	Elizabeth McManamy	Grade VII
June	Catherine Kelley	Grade VI
June	Mary Silk	Grade IV
June	Mary Koralewski	Drawing
October	Eloise Crocker	High
November	Agnes Cox	Grade VII

Appointed

April	Alfred Goodwin	Vocational
September	Vincent Hutchinson	Science
September	Ethel B. Smith	High
September	Kathryn Trufant	High
September	Mary Kennedy	High
September	Dorothy L. Hunter	Grade VI
September	Carolyn J. Stannis	Grade IV
September	Lillian Collamore	Grade III
September	Marie J. Saunders	Grade V
September	Alice M. Olliff	Drawing
September	Ida C. Cross	Continuation
November	Randolph Blodgett	Mathematics
November	Marion Horton	High

CORPS OF TEACHERS—January 1, 1925

	1st Appt.	Grade	Educated
F. E. Corbin	1886	Supt.	Williams' Col.
High			
*John T. Gibbons	1921	Science	Harvard Univ.
Randolph Blodgett	1924	Mathematics	N. H. Univ.
Ethel F. Putnam	1922	Latin	Middlebury
Kathryn H. Finnegan	1922	French, Spanish	Middlebury
Mary D. Sullivan	1922	English	Boston Univ.
Apolline M. Aucoin	1920	Commercial	Worcester Nor.
Ethel B. Smith	1924	Commercial	Bryant-Stratton
Kathryn Trufant	1924	English	Mt. Holyoke
Mary Kennedy	1924	Commercial	Simmons
Vincent Hutchinson	1924	Science	Holy Cross
Marion Horton	1924	Civics	Wellesley
Vocational			
*James Forbes	1919	Drawing	London, Eng. Tech
Alfred Goodwin	1924	Textiles	
Nils Engstrom	1920	Electricity	Amherst A. C.
Robert Kingston	1922	Shop Inst.	
Continuation			
*Frederick Vantura	1920		Hyannis Normal
Frank T. Winston	1922		Tufts
Mary Meagher	1887		Southbridge High
Ida C. Cross	1924		Scidmore College
Marcy Street Grammar			
*Laura Desmarais	1922	VIII	St. Anne's Acad.
Grace Noyes	1923	VIII	Putnam High
Elizabeth Hall	1916	IX	Colby
Blanche Merchant	1922	VII	Framingham Nor.
May Cole	1922	VII	Worcester Nor.
Blanche Harwood	1903	VI	Southbridge High
Mabel Joy	1915	VI	Westfield Nor.
Bertha Wallace	1922	VI	Hyannis Nor.
Corrine Beaudreau	1924	VI	Southbridge High
Marcy Street Elementary			
*Mary Boardman	1891	II	Southbridge High
Annie Marcy	1900	V	Worcester Nor.
May Simpson	1911	V	Worcester Nor.
Maud Forsythe	1910	V	Westfield Nor.
Carolyn Stannis	1924	IV	Framington Nor.
Irene Gough	1914	III	School of Dom. Science
Mary Chase	1906	III	Home School
Bertha Foley	1912	II	Worcester Nor.
Alice Wixted	1921	Asst.	Southbridge High

Mechanic Street			
*Jennie Munroe	1905	IV	Bridgewater Nor.
Julia Morrill	1914	III	St. Joseph's Nor.
Jane Farquhar	1887	II	Quincy Training
Mabel Chamberlain	1902	I	Southbridge High
School Street			
*Agnes Meagher	1886	IV	Southbridge High
Lillian Collamore	1924	III	Worcester Nor.
Mary Prendergast	1918	II	Southbridge High
Jeannette Stone	1898	I	Southbridge High
Fire Station			
*Marie J. Saunders	1924	V	West Chester Nor.
Dorothy L. Hunter	1924	VI	Westfield Nor.
River Street			
*Mary Ellis	1882	I	Southbridge High
Edith Randall	1920	II	Southbridge High
Julia Moriarty	1921	III	St. Joseph's Nor.
Elm Street			
Mary McCabe	1890	I	Quincy Training
Sandersdale			
Alice Laffin	1923	I-II-III	Worcester Nor.
Dennison			
Stella Gay	1907	I-VI	Southbridge High
Lebanon Hill			
Pauline M. Roy	1923	I-VIII	Westfield Nor.
Town Hall School			
Mary Butler	1902	I	Southbridge High
Eliza Beighe	1923	I	Worcester Nor.
Alice Olliff	1924	Drawing	Normal Art School
Doris Swett	1923	Music	Lowell Normal
Louise Corbin		Dom. Science	Wheaton
Margaret Butler	1892	Asst.	Southbridge High
Helen Rowley		Substitute	Wellesley

STATISTICS FROM SCHOOL REGISTERS

School Year Ending July 1, 1924

					Aver.		P. C.
	Bys.	Gls.	Tot.	Mem.	Daily Att.	Mem.	
High School	93	107	200	196	174.77	180.79	96.2
High School IX	17	28	45	45	35.96	38.52	93.35
High School VIII	20	13	33	34	31.64	33.30	95.01
High School VIII	21	10	31	31	24.15	25.96	93.03
High School VIII	23	11	34	37	28.49	29.99	94.99
High School VII	16	18	34	35	29.11	30.51	95.41
High School VII	13	18	31	31	25.06	26.81	93.43

	Bys.	Gls.	Tot.	Mem.	Aver. Daily Att.	Aver. Mem.	P. C. of At.
High School VII	10	23	33	35	26.77	28.08	95.33
High School VI	25	13	38	42	34.73	37.34	92.69
High School VI	23	17	40	41	34.48	36.37	92.75
High School VI	18	21	39	39	33.02	35.32	93.49
Marcy Street VW	23	32	55	55	41.97	45.95	90.96
Marcy Street V	29	24	53	51	45.13	47.45	94.77
Marcy Street V	28	23	51	51	47.83	49.59	96.05
Engine House VI	20	16	36	36	29.65	31.30	94.61
Engine House V	25	18	43	43	35.93	40.00	94.53
Marcy Street IV	23	21	44	46	37.95	42.12	90.70
Mechanic Street IV	26	19	45	45	41.78	43.35	96.42
School Street IV	13	18	31	35	28.93	30.34	95.35
Marcy Street III & IV	20	19	39	43	35.75	37.95	93.78
River Street III & IV	15	23	38	36	29.39	31.79	94.01
Marcy Street III	17	26	43	43	37.88	40.54	93.18
Mechanic Street III	21	28	49	51	45.81	47.65	96.13
School Street III	20	17	27	31	25.31	26.52	95.36
Marcy Street II	16	21	37	35	30.21	32.69	92.52
Marcy Street II	15	15	30	31	26.11	28.52	91.00
Mechanic Street II	22	22	44	48	43.38	45.44	95.25
River Street II	15	13	28	31	24.67	26.02	94.81
School Street II	14	15	29	33	25.67	27.33	93.09
Elm Street I	19	20	39	43	35.80	38.75	92.00
Mechanic Street I	22	26	48	48	41.38	43.75	94.53
River Street I	27	22	49	50	40.36	42.05	95.96
School Street I	16	22	38	42	32.12	35.12	91.40
Town Hall I	22	12	34	35	29.98	33.34	98.95
Town Hall I	19	25	44	37	32.25	35.29	89.07
Dennison I-VII	9	3	12	15	13.48	14.20	94.98
Lebanon Hill I-VII	9	7	16	19	14.98	15.71	95.35
Sandersdale I-III	15	10	25	28	22.58	25.08	89.68
	799	786	1585	1627	1373.96	1460.83	93.70
Continuation School	158	175	333	333	42.58	219.81	97.18
Vocational School	31		31	58	31.39	32.98	95.88
	189	175	364	391	36.99	126.39	96.53
Evening Schools							
High	38	161	199	199	130.75	160.97	80.97
Mechanic Street	86	23	109	109	79.00	95.32	83.28
River Street	33	29	62	62	45.25	49.25	91.87
	157	213	370	370	85.00	101.84	85.37
Total Membership of All Schools							2388

ENROLLMENT BY AGE AND GRADE

April 1, 1924—Boys

	A g e																					
Grade	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	Tot			
I			1	63	50	14	3	4	3	3	4	1							146			
II				2	28	34	14	5	5	1		1	1						91			
III					1	19	20	12	8	5	5	3	2	1					76			
IV						7	24	19	14	5	6	4	3						82			
V							8	27	21	16	9	6	9	1					97			
VI								3	20	21	15	12	7	2					80			
VII								1	3	8	11	9	2						34			
VIII										9	21	20	5	2	1				58			
IX												9	4	4					17			
X											1	3	5	10	4				23			
XI												5	12	12	5	2	1		37			
XII													1	5	7	1			14			
XIII														2	3	1	2	1	9			
XIV																	1		1			
Total			1	65	79	74	69	71	74	68	72	73	51	39	20	4	4	1	765			

ENROLLMENT BY AGE AND GRADE

April 1, 1924—Girls

	A g e																					
Grade	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	Tot			
I			51	53	14	2	1		1										122			
II			3	36	25	13	1		1	1									80			
III				2	30	33	19	6	3	2									95			
IV					9	23	22	11	10	4	1	1	1						82			
V						12	31	17	13	9	6	3	1						92			
VI						1	5	15	17	13	7	3	1						62			
VII								5	14	20	10	2							51			
VIII								1	7	10	13	3							34			
IX										18	7	3							28			
X										4	10	23	7		1				45			
XI											5	10	9	6	2	1			33			
XII												2	9	8	1	2			22			
XIII													1	6	5	3			15			
XIV																						
Total	0	0	54	91	78	84	79	55	66	63	70	54	32	20	9	6			761			
Grand total	111	191	701	521	531	501	529	134	135	143	105	71	40	13	10	1			1526			

SCHOOL SAVINGS

The school savings show a gratifying increase. Owing to the dull times, it was to be expected that the amount deposited by the pupils would be less than in 1923. The amount has, however, increased \$1,089.19 over last year or 18% while the number depositing is practically the same.

The average amount deposited has steadily increased each year and for this year is \$10.04.

The result of this thrift work is a great credit to the teachers and to Treasurer Chapman of the Savings Bank, without whose co-operation little could be accomplished.

The following is the amount of deposits for the year ending October 31, 1924:

Marcy Street Elementary	\$1,638.80
Mechanic Street School	871.04
School Street School	1,221.13
Engine House School	632.21
River Street School	905.72
Marcy Street Grammar	1,023.78
Dennison District School	39.92
Town Hall School	450.03

Total Deposits	\$6,782.63
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Number of scholars making deposits	1,250
Number enrolled depositors	675
Number participating	53%
Number of deposits	12,190
Transferred to pass books	\$5,481.13
Previously deposited	\$20,972.69
Total deposits	\$26,453.82
New Books issued	219
Average deposits, 1923	\$8.38
Average deposits, 1924	

THE YEAR'S ACHIEVEMENTS

I. The completion of the four room building at River Street.

II. The change from a nine grade elementary system to eight.

III. The largest number (293) ever enrolled in the High School.

IV. The giving of an educational course of moving pictures, instructive both to the pupils and parents.

V. The largest average deposits in the Southbridge Savings Bank, \$10.04 ever made by the pupils.

VI. The gift of a valuable sample line of shuttles and shuttle irons from the Litchfield Shuttle Company to the Vocational School. This gift is mounted in a suitable frame and is similar to that which the company exhibited at the world's Fair.

VII. A gift from the Hyde Manufacturing Company of a line of sample knives suitably mounted in a frame to illustrate the type of knives manufactured by the Company.

VIII. Loans to the Vocational School by the American Optical Co., and the Hamilton Woolen Co. of valuable machinery for the extension of the school courses.

IX. Reading Course. For several years we have required the pupils in the elementary schools above the fifth grade to read five books annually from a selected list and write an outline of the story. We have now joined this work with that of the State Library Commission. The following extract from the letter of their secretary explains the method:

"The Massachusetts Board of Free Public Library Commissioners offers a certificate to any child who reads and reports on five books on the lists enclosed for his grade, that next below or grades above. It does this with the desire, not to incite the children to read many books or to make the reading in any way compulsory, but to encourage them to use the public libraries and to become acquainted with a few of the best books.

Honor certificates, which will be sent on request, may be given to any child who has won four ordinary certificates; but at least five of these twenty books read must be non-fiction.

A child who has read five books must write on the review sheet the information requested. The librarian will sign the certificate and award it to the child."

X. The examination of the pupils three years or more mentally retarded. This work under the charge of the superintendent of the Westboro hospital. Dr. Fer-

nald of the State School for the feeble minded at Waverly recently gave a general statement of the theory of the work:

"It is necessary first that we discover who are the subnormal and what are their possibilities; while the second leads us to adopt measures looking towards the retention in the community under supervision of a majority of such children without recourse to life-long institutional care.

Public school mental clinics were established by law in Massachusetts in 1919 and are now in successful operation in a majority of cities and towns of the state. No other state has made similar provision. At negligible cost to the state and with no expense to the towns these clinics have already examined over 9,000 sub-normal children in the public schools.

We now know that if these sub-normal children are recognized in early life and given advantages during the formative period, the majority of them will become well behaved and self-supporting adults instead of permanent public charges. The public school clinic is a practical, progressive expression of mental hygiene."

Respectfully submitted,

F. E. CORBIN.

IN MEMORIAM
Mary E. Wells
1847—1924

STUDENT and GRADUATE
--- of the ---
HIGH SCHOOL
1860—1864

Member of the
SCHOOL COMMITTEE
1891—1893

Donor of the
HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM
1922

IN MEMORIAM

Bertha Harwood

APPOINTED SEPTEMBER 1901

DIED APRIL 30, 1924

Mabel LeClair

APPOINTED SEPTEMBER 1892

DIED AUGUST 19, 1924

Mr. E. F. Corbin, Supt. of Schools.

Dear Sir:

It is with pleasure that I submit my third annual report of the Mary E. Wells High School. Although there is a similarity of form in these reports they have an interest to the friends of the school in as much as they set forth, from year to year, a certain group of facts indicative of the conditions of the school.

Attendance—School opened September 2, with a total enrollment of 293. The cause of this increase was the fact that the ninth grade has been discontinued and the three eight grades were promoted with last year's ninth grade into the first year of High School. This made the Freshmen Class of 140 pupils. With 293 pupils in the building we now occupy all rooms on the High School side, which is just barely enough to meet our needs.

The following figures are interesting in view of the fact that they set forth the constant growth of the school for the last five years:

Total membership for year 1920-1921	154 pupils*
Total membership for year 1921-1922	130 pupils
Total membership for year 1922-1923	156 pupils
Total membership for year 1923-1924	213 pupils
Total membership for year 1924-1925	293 pupils

*Drop due to separation of Vocational School from the High School.

Thus in 5 years the school has nearly doubled in number and it seems in another few years will outgrow its present quarters.

Changes in Teaching Corps—Miss Ethel Smith and Miss Mary Kennedy succeeded Miss Catherine O'Donnell and Miss Myrtis Johnson of the Commercial Department. Mr. Randolph Blodgett succeeds Miss Eloise Crocker in Mathematics. Mr. Vincent Hutchinson succeeds Mr. John Doyle in Science. Miss Kathryn Trufant and Miss Marion Horton are additions to the staff.

Visual Education—In an effort to bring to the students some of the better things in Literature, History, Art and Science, a program was inaugurated last year which resulted in obtaining such films as "Man Without A Country," "Courtship of Miles Standish," "Lorna Doone," "Treasure Island," "The Highest Law" and "Silas Marner."

This program is to be extended this year so as to further supplement class room teaching.

Extra Curricular Activities—In dramatics last year, the Senior Class presented the play, "A Full House" and the Junior Class "The Missing Miss Miller." Both were successful and were a compliment to the students who participated and to the coaches.

Under the direction of the music supervisor, the Glee Club and Orchestra gave a very successful concert which was likewise a compliment to the students who participated and to the director.

The school paper, "The Crimson and Gray," is functioning as usual and maintaining a steady growth, which is due to the co-operative spirit of those connected with the paper and the local concerns in subscribing to it. Miss Sullivan is faculty advisor.

Athletics have continued in the face of many difficulties and while not so successful as we had hoped for, they have presented an opportunity for many pupils to participate in these activities. Mr. Hutchinson is coaching all teams.

I wish to take this opportunity to thanking the American Optical Company, the Hamilton Woolen Company and the Y. M. C. A. for their kindness in putting at our disposal their athletic facilities.

A Ukelele Club has been formed by the music supervisor and it will act in conjunction with the Glee Club and School Orchestra.

A Debating Club has been formed and last year several intramural debates were given at the school. Miss Trufant is coaching the team.

The Radio Club is functioning as usual and last year it had a public lecture on "Radio" which was presented by Mr. Frederick Putnam of Station W. E. A. N., Providence, R. I. This lecture netted a sum sufficient to add two stages to our Radio Set. The Club this year is under Mr. Blodgett's supervision.

The Class Parties were inaugurated last year for the purpose of bringing the children of the school closer together so that they might become better acquainted. Each class takes its turn in giving a party and is responsible for expenses incurred and incidently assuming the duties of the hosts and the hostesses. These parties are

well worth while in view of the fact that they give the children an opportunity to obtain, in a small way, ideas of conduct and manners under such circumstances.

Education Week—As was the case last year, we took advantage of Education Week to endeavor to bring parents of children into the school by conducting an afternoon session of school in the evening. While a good number of parents were present, we should have been pleased to see more and trust that such will be the case next year.

Improvements in School—In an attempt to get the children to at least be on speaking terms with the number of possibilities of making a livelihood, men, successful in their various lines of work, were invited to come to the school and talk to the children. Last year we had Captain Armitage from Clark University, who talked on the general values of a college education; from the Lowell Textile School, we had Prof. E. H. Barker who pointed out the opportunities in the Textile Field; Mr. Jackson of the Hamilton Woolen Company who spoke on "Engineering" as a profession; Mr. Royal Parkinson of the American Optical Company spoke on "The Value of an Education." Mr. H. B. Montague set forth the possibilities in law; Miss Lucinda Jaquith of the Worcester Memorial Hospital set forth the possibilities of Nursing as a profession; Mr. Charles P. Morse, director of Secondary Education in the State of Massachusetts, spoke on "The Value of an Education;" Major C. H. Heywood spoke on "The Advantages of a Military Training;" Professor Lewis of Mass. Agricultural College set forth the possibilities in the field of agriculture.

Along with the idea of necessity of vocational guidance is also the necessity for teaching health to the children. Since health is one of the fundamentals objective of education, we have endeavored to inculcate the idea by means of a series of health talks to both boys and girls which were given by Doctor and Mrs. Charles Simpson.

The school has added a new \$1,300 Lyric Grand Miller Piano to its equipment. We are able to afford this only through the kindness of the Edwards Company in giving us a substantial discount on the retail price.

For the first time in many years, there was no Salutatorian nor Valedictorian. In the place an Honor Group

has been substituted. This is in accordance with the wishes of the State Board of Education.

Courses of Study—The courses of study, namely, College Preparatory, General and Commercial, function as usual. The only changes made in the curriculum have been the adding of European History in the third year of the General and College Preparatory Courses, and an introductory Bookkeeping course for the Commercial Freshmen. We continue to enjoy the privilege of certifying our graduates to all colleges in New England except Mass. Tech and Yale where everyone must take examinations to enter.

Trips—All pupils of the schools visited the library and were instructed in the use of location of books by Miss Miersch. The Commercial and Science pupils have made several trips to the American Optical Company and the Hamilton Woolen Company, in order to become better acquainted with these local concerns and to observe how big business is carried on.

Prizes—Although our typewriting department has won many prizes offered by the various typewriter concerns, none has brought more favorable comment to the school than the winning of a Remington Portable Typewriter by Miss Jean Guillet of the last Graduating Class. In order to win this, a pupil must write at least 60 words a minute for 10 minutes with a single error. Only four other Mass. pupils accomplished this last year and only seventy in the entire United States performed the feat.

Gifts—It is always a pleasure to announce gifts to the school. Last year's graduating class gave a bench for the new piano and also a music director's stand. The class of 1922 gave the school a trophy case.

Graduates—The Class of 1924 was graduated June 26 with 24 members, four of whom entered higher institutions of learning and two of whom are training to be nurses.

Baccalaureate Service—Baccalaureate Service was held in the Methodist Episcopal Church June 22. Rev. John Wriston delivered the sermon. Music was furnished by the High School Glee, Club, Orchestra and Quartet.

Graduating Exercises—Graduation took place in the Town Hall June 26, 1924. The program was as follows:

- PRAYER Rev. Harry LeRoy Brickett
 OVERTURE. Orchestra Ascher
 ADDRESS. "The Most Beautiful City in America
 Aline Morin
 ADDRESS. "The Value of An Education."
 Laurenda Boyer
 ADDRESS. "The Independence of the Philippines."
 Edna Poeton
 THE HEAVENS RESOUND. Glee Club.. Andreas Hofer
 ADDRESS. "Woman's Place in Business."
 Isabel Louise Spielman
 ADDRESS. "History of Southbridge."
 Annette Pinsonneault
 A GARDEN LULLABY. (Barcarolle) Offenbach
 Glee Club
 ADDRESS. "The Smithsonian Institute."
 Amy Eunice Underwood
 ADDRESS. "The Value of Coal Tar Products."
 Kenneth Andrew Taylor
 ADDRESS. "New Schools For Old."
 Edith Mae Mason
 VENETIAN SUMMER NIGHT Moszowski
 Glee Club
 PRESENTATION OF DIPLOMAS
 By Chairman of the School Committee
 BENEDICTION
 OUR STUDENT'S MARCH Emil Ascher
 Orchestra

In closing, I wish to thank the School Committee and Superintendent for their co-operation, and to acknowledge my indebtedness to my associates teachers for their hearty support at all times. To the pupils also I wish to extend my thanks for their willingness to co-operate, which is indeed a very essential spirit to a successful school.

Very truly yours,

John T. Gibbons, High School Principal.

EVENING HIGH SCHOOL

Mr. F. E. Corbin, Supt. of Schools,
Dear Sir:

It is with pleasure that I submit to you this my eighth annual report of the Evening High School.

The term opened Sept. 15, 1924 and continued 40 nights, closing Dec. 18, 1924. The sessions were held Monday, Tuesday and Thursday evenings of each week from 7 to 8.30 o'clock. Thirty-eight males and 131 females made a total enrollment of 199 pupils, 69 of whom pursued seventh or eighth grade subjects either academic or household arts. The faculty consisted of twelve instructors.

As in former years classes were formed in branches for which five or more pupils registered; conforming to this policy a new department was opened; viz., millinery with a membership of twelve girls.

The following table presents the subjects taught with the number enrolled for each: Arithmetic 24, Algebra 5, Elementary English 20, Advanced English 13, French 14, Spanish 15, Cooking 20, sewing 23, Millinery 12, Shorthand 38, Bookkeeping 41, and Typewriting 66.

Each year the teachers are selected not only for their professional standing but also for qualities peculiarly requisite for success in evening school work; viz., energy, mental alertness and a certain resiliency needed every moment of every session. That the choice was in every case wise a summary of the term's accomplishments seems to prove.

In all classes brief, intensive group presentation was followed by individual instruction. The aim in the classes in mathematics was to give the pupils a working knowledge of industrial and business activities that have an arithmetical basis. In Spanish and French there were a beginners' and an advanced class each devoted to conversation, with the necessary fundamentals of grammar and supplementary reading. A French Club has been formed by the members of the French class to carry on the work begun in evening school. Instruction in English included class discussion and criticisms, cultivation of natural ability and, when possible, the utilizing of every day business experiences of the students.

In the sewing group skill in hand and machine technique, use of commercial patterns and altering of same, cutting economically, fitting and remodelling garments were emphasized; embroidery stitches were taught for finishes. Besides 27 articles of underwear, 1 baby's dress and 1 child's dress, 10 ladies' dresses, including cotton linen, woolen and velvet, were completed and 2 difficult projects in remodeling were worked out. Some work was done on layettes and toys to be distributed among the needy. In the millinery class 30 hats were constructed, 21 velvet, 7 satin, 1 gold cloth and 1 brocade; of these, 7 were children's hats, 3 matrons' and 20 ladies,' two of which were remodeled from old material. Attention was given to the selection of color, shape, and material suitable to the individual and the occasion on which the hat was to be worn. The cooking course included the teaching of correct measurements, use of gas plate and range, dishwashing, personal habits in the kitchen, table setting, waiting and serving, etiquette, planning balanced meals with economy, besides the actual cooking. Fruits, batters, sponges, doughs, soups, meats, vegetables, salads, pastry, cakes, cookies, and frozen desserts were prepared by the students. A breakfast, dinner, supper or luncheon,—one of the last a buffet,—was served each week. Beginning, intermediate, and advanced classes in the Gregg system of shorthand were conducted. The dictation work was carefully graded from short letters of 45 words to longer and of a more difficult nature. In typewriting there were two beginners' and one advanced classes in all of which rhythm and accuracy, with gradually increased speed, were accented. The instruction for beginners in bookkeeping included the journal method, posting, trial balances, statements and closing of ledger as well as familiarizing pupils with common business papers. Some of the special phases of the advanced work were controlling accounts, depreciation of fixed assets, reserves, bank discount, etc. As considerable outside work was necessary, in most cases, to accomplish the work planned, the fact that 33 pupils completed the bookkeeping courses 31 of whom attained ranks of A or B, shows that fine interest was maintained.

Ninety-five certificates of scholarship were awarded to pupils who had been present at Evening School, 32 or more nights and who had a rank of 80% or over in their studies.

At the close of the term many pupils sought advice from their teachers about continuing their studies with private tutors, by correspondence courses, etc., some of the faculty now having a waiting list of such students; therefore it seems that there is a real need of conducting the Evening High School for two terms of 38 or 40 nights each.

In conclusion I desire to express my thanks to the School Committee, Superintendent, fellow teachers and student body for their spirit of co-operation and helpfulness in every thing destined to promote the welfare and success of the school.

Respectfully submitted,

MARY E. MEAGHER.

Report of Director of
SOUTHBRIDGE VOCATIONAL SCHOOL
For the Year Ending December 31, 1924

Mr. E. F. Corbin, Supt. of Schools.

Dear Sir:

I have the following information to submit in connection with the Vocational School:

Sixty-five boys were enrolled during the year	
in school at the end of the year	49
Graduated	5
Withdrawals entering industry trained for	0
Withdrew to other occupations	5
Dropped from school as being unfitted	3
Re-entered day school	2
Moved from town	1

—65

During the year thirty boys were enrolled, making a total of sixty-five with a membership of forty-nine at the close of the year. This gives a student turnover of 18% not including graduates, which is a very small percentage and has been due to a more careful selection of applicants.

If the figures of previous years are to be considered the coming year shows evidence of more boys applying for admission than the school can accommodate.

Substantial growth has been made in all departments and new equipment has been added from time to time

with the result that we have been able to greatly improve the training of our boys.

The keen interest and support of the School Committee on behalf of vocational training and their desire to have the school expand to meet the needs of Southbridge has been a source of great encouragement to us, and has received commendable mention from the Department of Education.

We feel grateful to the American Optical Company and the Hamilton Woolen Company for supplying our boys with work continuously throughout the past year. This has been accomplished at times with great difficulty owing to lack of orders, and taking everything into consideration, the school has much to be grateful for in this respect.

If we are to meet the future needs of the town, additional vocational opportunity must be offered and this has been matter which has occupied my attention for some time, with the result, that several reports and surveys have been made and tentative plans drawn up for consideration.

We are essentially an industrial town, and consequently, industrial education is a factor in our development which calls for careful expansion.

Several methods of broadcasting the vocational opportunities of Southbridge during the past year have been employed, including talks to the children at the various schools, exhibits, and open nights for the public to inspect our work.

We have also distributed a great deal of literature and have had calls for information from other communities so that at times, it has been hard to comply with these numerous requests.

In the fall of last year, the American Optical Company very generously agreed to print a pamphlet for distribution, showing the work of the school, free of charge, and this is going to be a great help in our advertising.

The standards of the school have been steadily raised in order to render as great a service as possible, to the boy, the town and the co-operating concerns, and several entrance tests have been devised which seek to place an applicant where he belongs in the vocational field.

The hearty co-operation and support of the public schools through their principals and teachers is a pleasure to record, numerous conferences and meetings, with regard to possible candidates, having been held.

Frequent conferences with Mr. Parkinson and Mr. Maynard of the American Optical Company and Mr. E. Benjamin Armstrong of the Hamilton Woolen Company have resulted in helping us over many a difficulty and we owe a great deal to these gentlemen for their inspiration and the time which they have cheerfully given to a consideration of our problems.

Our school records and general office work are kept constantly up-to-date and this has been accomplished through the close attention to detail given this work by our secretary, Miss Connolly.

At the present time we are handicapped by a lack of teachers to handle the numerous subjects necessary for efficient training. We are doing the best we can under the circumstances, but I would suggest as the school continues to grow, that we consider the employment of another mechanical teacher to take care of the supplementary machine training and help out in the shop subjects.

On account of expenditures for equipment and the cost of the new building, I have not brought the question of another teacher to your attention, but we will need one soon if the enrollment continues to increase. The educational standard for trade teaching is ten boys to an instructor and we have more than that number now with the added disadvantage that a great deal of my time has to be given to school matters other than teaching. I believe that a co-operative arrangement among the various schools might be an added incentive for such an instructor.

A brief report of the various courses given in the school is herewith appended for your information.

COURSE IN MACHINE SHOP PRACTICE

The demand for training in the machine department of our school continues to grow and we find no difficulty in maintaining a full quota of boys.

During the year we performed operations on some 51,443 pieces of which 1938 were spoiled giving a junk percentage of 3.7%.

Several additional machine tools have been installed as well as a large cabinet with individual compartments so that each boy has a place for his unfinished work at the end of the week.

A supply of small tool equipment has been collected and cabinets provided for storing these tools when not in use.

Numerous improvements have been made in the machine training room and the American Optical Company Safety Committee report that conditions are excellent.

An amendment to the wage schedule covering the question of lost time has been added viz:

1. That any boy being absent for 5% or more of his time during any one quarter, shall not be eligible to pay increase for another quarter. (This allows an absence of 21 hours per quarter.)
2. That any boy who for one year has exceeded this 5% shall make up such time before proceeding to the next grade. (This allows an absence of 84 hours.)

In the machine room at the Vocational school building a new lathe and tool grinder have been installed and the small tool equipment has been added too. It will be necessary to equip the furnace with a positive pressure blower before we can carry on any work in the heat treatment of metals.

Several new pieces of apparatus for scientific and mathematical demonstration have been constructed and we are gradually building up this equipment.

The continued use of the universal drafting machine in our day and evening drawing classes leads me to suggest that we add another machine to the one already in use.

An exhibit of cutlery was prepared for the school by the Hyde Manufacturing Company for which we are very grateful and at the present time an exhibit is being prepared for the school by the American Optical Company.

COURSE IN WORSTED MANUFACTURE

The equipment of the Textile Laboratory has been considerably increased and at the present time, contains a very desirable installation. It is our aim to continually improve the facilities of this laboratory as circumstances warrant.

The laboratory contains the following machines: One Crompton & Knowles Box Loom, one 48-in. Dobby Stafford Loom, one K. Model Draper Loom, one Draper Loom with Gem Head, one Noble Comb, one Can Gill Box, one Two-Spindle Drawing Box, one Cap Spinning Frame.

The development of the laboratory is due to the splendid co-operation of the Hamilton Woolen Company and we greatly appreciate the courtesies extended by Mr. E. Benj. Armstrong, Agent of the Hamilton Woolen Company and his associates of the advisory board.

Through the generosity of the Litchfield Shuttle Co. we are in possession of a comprehensive exhibit of loom shuttles and shuttle parts, consisting of forty-eight different kinds and more than five hundred parts that enter into the construction of the various types of shuttles used in the manufacture of cloths, carpets, silks, etc.

We are very grateful to Mr. Frank Litchfield, who personally arranged and installed this extensive exhibit, which is probably the finest collection of shuttles in the country.

The additional facilities now available in the Textile Division are such, that the students may obtain a greater amount of practical knowledge of the textile industry. This helps them to properly understand the science that is taught in the class rooms and makes for better all around training.

COURSE IN ELECTRICAL WORK

The Electrical Department has this year been able to place, through the courtesy of Mr. Fitts of the American Optical Company, two more boys at the Lensdale plant giving us a membership of seven.

We are pleased to report that we have just received several instruments and other electrical equipment which gives us the right start for a good laboratory.

The boys are now installing this equipment as well as caring for all maintenance work in the Vocational and High School buildings. We appreciate the new equipment as this is the first we have been able to procure and trust that we may be able to add to it as occasion arises.

There continues to be a great demand for training in the electrical trade and we have been compelled to

turn away a number of promising applicants on account of being unable to find openings for them.

To the various members of the School Committee, the Advisory Committee and yourself, I wish to express my appreciation.

Yours respectfully,

Southbridge Vocational School,

JAMES FORBES, Director.

GRADUATING EXERCISES

The graduating exercises of the Southbridge Vocational School were held in the Mary E. Wells High School Auditorium, Friday evening, May 23. The program of the exercises and list of the graduates are as follows:

PROGRAM

OVERTURE

INTRODUCTORY REMARKS

Mr. James Forbes, Director, Vocational School

ADDRESS OF WELCOME

Mr. Fred E. Corbin, Supt. of Schools

VIOLIN SOLO

Roland Martin, Machine '24

"ADVANTAGES OF A MECHANICAL TRAINING"

Silvanus H. Snell, Machine '23

SAXOPHONE SOLO

Leonard Spinelli, Machine '23

"OPPORTUNITIES IN THE TEXTILE INDUSTRY"

Jesse Blackburn, Textile '23

SELECTION

ADDRESS

Mr. M. Norcross Stratton, Dept. of Education

AWARDING OF DIPLOMAS

Mr. Pierre Lafortune, Chairman of School Committee

SELECTION

GRADUATES—Machine Course

Carl Arzin Anderson

Theobald St. George

Felix Anthony Bello

Andrew Hardie Simpson

Arthur Roland Martin

Valentino Joseph Tieri

Textile Course

Eugene Abraham Desautels

Stanley Laughlin

Herman Raymond Langevin Amedie Lockhart
 Bernard Michael O'Donnell

SOUTHBIDGE VOCATIONAL SCHOOL

Vocational High School Building, Southbridge, Mass.

Sessions

School—8.30 to 11.30 A. M. and 1.00 to 3.00 P. M.

Eight-hour day during shop week and one-half day on Saturday.

School Calendar

Summer vacation, two weeks.

Classes at school close on legal holidays.

Classes at factories follow the practice of the American Optical Company and the Hamilton Woolen Company.

Organization—School Committee

J. Arthur Genereux	Pierre Lafortune
Joseph Laughnane	Alfred E. Lapierre
Joseph Flood	Hector L. Peloquin

Advisory Board—Textile Division

E. Benj. Armstrong, Agent, Hamilton Woolen Company.

Ernest Birdsall, Overseer, Weaving.

Charles Cornock, Overseer, Drawing, Spinning, Twisting.

Richard Yates, Overseer, Carding, Combing.

Machine Division

Royal Parkinson, Employment Manager, A. O. Co.

A. E. Maynard, Supt. Main Machine Shop, A. O. Co.

Secretary and Executive Officer

Fred E. Corbin, Supt. of Schools

Faculty

Director, James Forbes, 12 Spring St., Tel. 315-J.

Machinist Instructor, Robert S. Kingston,

67 Coombs St., Tel. 103-W

Textile Instructor, Alfred Goodwin, 134 Chapin St.

*Academic Instructor, Nils Engstrom,

80 Coombs St., Tel. 793-W

Shop Foreman, Charles Dion

Secretary, Margaret R. Connolly, 33 South St., Tel. 87

*Also Instructor of Electrical Work.

Report of the Director
SOUTHBIDGE EVENING VOCATIONAL SCHOOL
For the Year Ending December 31, 1924

Mr. F. E. Corbin, Supt. of Schools.

Dear Sir:

I have the following information to submit in connection with the Evening Vocational School:

Course	Enrollment
Mechanical Drawing	16
Machine Shop Practice	12
Industrial Mathematics	9
Worsted Manufacture	7
Worsted Spinning	11
Loomfixing	20
Automobile Electricity	17
Total Enrollment	— 92

The enrollment for the evening trade extension work in several of the courses has been so great that we have had to turn away a number of applicants.

Through the courtesy of the Hamilton Woolen Company an additional loom has been provided which has enabled us to give still better instruction in loomfixing. We have discarded our plain looms and are giving instruction mostly on fancy looms to meet the changing conditions at the mill.

A Draper loom equipped with a Gem head is to be available in the near future, and with this additional machine, the equipment will then be adequate and complete.

Four men will complete the loomfixing course this year and at present are employed as loomfixers in the mill. It speaks well for the reputation of the instructor and the efficiency of the school to note that all new fixers in the mill are selected from this group.

The course in Worsted Spinning provides the student with an opportunity to learn in school some of the spinning problems which he finds hard to acquire in the mill.

With a suitable spinning frame, the student obtains experience in making the various changes which determine the thickness of yarn and gets acquainted with the various shapes of bobbins. He also gets instruction in

working problems and in figuring out the various gears. As the course now stands it is a very desirable one for persons engaged in worsted spinning.

In the Worsted Yarn course, the work has been partly practical with demonstrations at the machines and partly technical with lectures in the class room.

This course is designed for the more advanced mill student and in consequence, the enrollment is not so large as in a class of beginners.

Mr. Gunning has outlined a course in Mechanical Drawing consisting of five units commencing with preliminary sketching and detail work and then gradually taking up the more advanced subjects ending with machine design.

The object in grouping this work into separate units is to enable each student to get a complete course in drawing in the shortest possible time. A great deal of time and thought has been given to his course and the instructor is to be congratulated on the thoroughness of his work. This class has had a large enrollment and the attendance has been excellent.

I have already mentioned the desirability of acquiring another drafting machine for use in both the day and evening schools.

In the machine training class we will complete the testing machine which was designed by the class in Mechanical Drawing. This machine has furnished a wide variety of machine work including threading, gear cutting and assembling.

We have also given instruction in small tool work and a number of excellent tools will be finished by the end of the term.

Our evening machine instructor is limited in regard to students and work due to lack of machines and suggests that we install another tool room lathe, a small surface grinder with magnetic chuck and a universal milling machine.

This machinery can be located in our present machine room by moving the bench to the other side of the room, thereby opening up floor space near the windows for this equipment.

It is also desirable that we complete the equipment for heat treating and at the same time attach a pyrometer to our gas furnace.

The class in Industrial Mathematics has maintained a steady membership and has proved its value in our evening school system.

We have added a course in Automobile Ignition this year and considering the disadvantages which the instructor had for lack of equipment it has made notable progress.

I understand that plans are being discussed for the erection of a garage to take care of this work and trust that they will materialize.

A number of young men have applied for evening school instruction in woodworking and patternmaking and as this is a practical proposition with our present woodworking equipment, I commend it to your notice.

I wish to call your attention to the high standard of the teachers which we have been able to obtain as much of the success of the evening school has been due to the knowledge and training which these men have brought to bear on their work.

Yours respectfully,

Southbridge Evening Vocational School,
JAMES FORBES, Director.

Monday and Wednesday Evenings from 7.00 to 9.00 P. M.
Tuesday and Thursday Evenings from 7.00 to 9.00 P. M.

Forty nights Classes close on legal holidays

J. Arthur Genereux	Pierre Lafortune
Joseph Laughnane	Alfred E. Lapierre
Joseph Flood	Hector L. Peloquin

E. Benj. Armstrong, Agent, Hamilton Woolen Co.
Ernest Birdsall, Overseer, *Weaving.
Charles Cornock, Overseer, Drawing, Spinning, Twisting.
Richard Yates, Overseer, Carding, Combing.

Royal Parkinson, Employment Manager, A. O. Co.
A. E. Maynard, Supt. Main Machine Shop, A. O. Co.
Secretary and Executive Officer
Fred E. Corbin, Supt. of Schools.

Director James Forbes
Machine Drafting Instructor,
W. A. Gunning, Chief Draftsman, A. O. Co.
Machinist Instructor,
John L. Rawson, Foreman Machinist, A. O. Co.
Industrial Mathematics Instructor,
Robert S. Kingston, Southbridge Vocational School
Automotive Electricity,
H. A. Persson, Prop. U. S. L. Battery & Electrical Sta.
Worsted Manufacture Instructor,
Alfred Goodwin, Southbridge Vocational School
Loomfixing Instructor,
Eugene Lusignan, Third Hand, H. W. Co.
Spinning Instructor,
Herbert Peters, Second Hand, H. W. Co.

Mr. F. E. Corbin, Supt. of Schools.

I herewith submit my fifth annual report of the Southbridge Continuation School.

In the teaching personnel, one change was caused by the resignation of Miss Jean Russell to accept a similar position in Providence, R. I. However, we were fortunate in securing the services of Miss Ida Cross whose work to date has been successful.

On September 2, 1924, the school opened with an enrollment of 102 boys and 99 girls as against 122 boys and 134 girls on September 4, of the previous year. The decrease being caused by a depression in industry.

The school continues on the same basis as outlined in previous reports. This past year more than ever the school provided additional means and opportunities wherein the boys and girls exercised greater initiative. Problems of vital interest were solved, problems which met desired ends and goals. Not only have State requirements and suggestions been met, but extra curricular activities have offered opportunities to share with the lives of others, thus making the school a real Democracy in spirit and attitude. The spirit exhibited by the boys in the wood working department, and the girls of the domestic science department in the making of articles for the sick and needy children at Christmas time deserves commendation.

The work in the girls' department is thoroughly motivated. There is real life in the school with a forward look, that of being able to apply in similar situations in life.

The follow-up work as thoroughly outlined in previous reports still remains one of the vital functions of the school. Will you kindly extend our thanks to Miss Corbin and her classes for their kind and willing assistance in making Christmas project a success; to the Overseers of the Poor and the Woman's Club for the equipment they have so willingly loaned the school; to the employers, citizens and School Board for their interest and co-operation?

Respectfully submitted,

E. F. VANTURA, Director.

Mr. F. E. Corbin, Supt. of Schools.

Dear Sir:

I herewith submit my report for the year 1924. During this period I have examined 1634 pupils. The parent or guardian was notified when defects were found.

The physical examination of pupils showed the following defects as listed below: Tonsils 261, adenoids 218, Catarrh Nasal 194, Enlarged Glands 10, Blephatitis 92, Otcatarrh 10, Heart 9, Skin Disease 13, Poor Posture 12, Poor Nutrition 220, Cysts 1, Defective Speech 1, Anemia 9, Cleft Palate 2, and Poliomyelitis 2. 1153 pupils had teeth decayed and in an unhealthy condition. Most of these in the lower grades.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES SIMPSON, M. D.

Mr. F. F. Corbin, Supt. of Schools.

I hereby submit my report as School Nurse for the year 1924.

"The mouth is the body's gateway, and cleanliness is the password." Nearly half the time allotted to the school work, was spent in the dental clinic to take care of dental caries, the defect most frequently encountered.

During the school year, the clinic was opened every Monday and Tuesday forenoon from 8.45 to 11.45 from Oct. 1 to June 1.

The local dentists have served their time each month in turn, and have accomplished a great deal, not only in repair work and prophylaxis, but in an educational way also.

After a year's work in the clinic, it is gratifying to observe the improvement in the children's mouths.

Number of children who reported to clinic the first time 378, number of children who had teeth cleaned 262, number of extractions 244, number of fillings 104, number of treatments 35, number of oral examinations 15, number of tooth brushes sold 288.

Good health demands plenty of milk. It supplies the body with necessary materials in exceptionally healthful and economical forms. A quart a day for every child

is not too much, and each should have at least a pint. It helps them to grow, to keep well and to build strong vigorous bodies.

This year it was possible to supply the children with milk, for the small sum of three cents per bottle. Much credit is due the parents who have co-operated with teachers and nurse by encouraging the children to drink milk during the lunch period.

Number of class rooms serving milk 25.

Number of half pint bottles served during

	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
Marcy Street School	1001	1053	857
River Street School	662	578	507
School Street School	727	818	852
Mechanic Street School	429	398	301
Engine House School	342	281	159
Elm Street School	268	305	212
Town Hall School	400	458	345
Sandersdale School	198	190	117

The routine physical examination was made by the school physician assisted by the nurse. Defects noted and parents notified: Number of pupils examined 1294, number of visits for correction of defects 100, number of defects corrected 125.

Underweight in children is more or less a danger signal, and special instruction as well as supervision is necessary to help them gain their normal weight.

Due to the result of the 1923 Tuberculosis seal sale, four children were sent to the Worcester Children's Vacation Camp at Sterling Junction during the months of July and August. Neither the children selected, nor the town were under obligation of any kind.

The children were admitted to camp in four groups of two weeks period for each group. The definite object of the health camp was to teach the underweight child right living and health habits, so as to prevent tuberculosis.

Such a worthy cause should stimulate everybody to do their bit. Friday, November 28, Miss Robertson and Miss Forbes from the Worcester County Extension Service, entertained the pupils in the four upper grades with

a talk on "Why we eat food" illustrated with stereopticon views. The pupils enjoyed it and I am sure it helped them realize the value of proper food combinations.

The underweight children have been weighed twice during the year and the following tables show that the majority have gained.

CHILDREN 10% UNDERWEIGHT

	Enroll.	May	Dec.
Marcy Street School			
Grade II E	34	7	3
Grade II W	30	1	0
Grade III W	41	2	0
Grade III-IV W	43	11	5
Grade IV E	47	1	0
Grade V E	39	5	1
Grade V E	36	6	1
Grade V W	37	4	2
	<hr/> 307	<hr/> 37or12%	<hr/> 12or4%
High School Building			
Grade VI	34	2	0
Grade VI	40	7	3
Grade VI	39	7	4
Grade VII	40	5	1
Grade VII	38	5	2
Grade VIII	39	5	1
Grade VIII	40	6	2
Grade VIII	40	6	3
	<hr/> 310	<hr/> 43or14%	<hr/> 16or5%
School Street			
Grade IV	28	3	1
Grade III	26	4	0
Grade II	25	1	0
Grade I	34	4	1
	<hr/> 113	<hr/> 12or12%	<hr/> 2or2%
Engine House School			
Grade V	39	6	2
Grade VI	33	8	4
	<hr/> 72	<hr/> 14or19%	<hr/> 6or8%

	Enroll.	May	Dec.
Mechanic Street			
Grade IV	44	3	1
Grade III	43	2	1
Grade II	41	5	0
Grade I	44	13	3
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	172	23or13%	5or3%
River Street			
Grade I	42	7	0
Grade II	31	5	2
Grade III	25	3	0
Grade IV	20	2	1
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	118	17or14%	3or3%
Town Hall School			
Grade I	38	5	2
Grade I	32	1	0
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	70	6or8%	2or3%
Elm Street			
Grade I	33	6or18%	2or6%

All class rooms visited and health talks given as often as possible. Number of visits to Marcy Street 34, High School Building 33, Town Hall School 23, Elm Street 17, School Street 19, Engine House 14, River Street 21, Mechanic Street 26, Dennison District School 9, Sandersdale School 10, and Lebanon Hill School 11. Total number of visits 217.

Respectfully submitted,

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Mr. F. E. Corbin, Supt. of Schools.

The aim to have every child in school, every day, equipped to take advantage of all the opportunities offered by the school has not been realized, because of the epidemic of mumps among the children of school age in January.

Attendance is the keystone in the arch of education. A pupil's progress depends upon attendance. Parents are urged to co-operate in this important matter.

Gifts of toys, clothing, shoes and money have enabled the supervisor to meet non-attendance emergencies.

The Americanization work continues in the public evening schools and factories. The American Optical Company and Hamilton Woolen Company. One hundred eighty men received state certificates in elementary, intermediate and advanced courses in 1924.

Twenty-one men were enrolled in the Citizenship classes. The state department has prepared a thirty lesson course. The applicants for Naturalization who join this class are prepared to understand the simple facts of American Government before being examined by Federal examiner. The course outlines clearly the meaning of democracy with its privileges and obligations. How it serves the people and how it came to be.

A mothers' class was conducted for Albanian mothers, meeting at the homes. The lessons for these classes are planned by the teacher to meet the needs of the home maker.

Minors engaged in street trades are being licensed. A summary of the street trade law follows:

1. The minor must be at least 12 years old before he may sell or deliver newspapers or magazines, shine shoes or sell anything on the street.
2. He must get a badge from the officer who issues employment certificates.
3. He must wear this badge in plain sight and must not give it or loan it to anyone.
4. He must not work during school hours unless 14 years, and have a regular employment certificate.
5. If under 14, he must not work before 6 A. M. nor after 8 P. M.

6. If 14 or 15 he must not work before 5 A. M. nor after 9 P. M.
7. He must not have unlicensed boys or girls as helpers.

REGISTRATION OF MINORS

Persons 5 years of age or over, and under 7	557
Persons 7 years of age or over, and under 14	2124
Persons 14 years of age or over, and under 16	511
Illiterate minors 16 yrs. of age or over, and under 21...	55

INVESTIGATION OF ABSENCES

Number of cases investigated for grades in public and private schools	900
Absences caused by illness of children, illness in the child's family, legitimate excuses, lack of necessary clothing, Truancy, and Indifference to School Laws Evening school cases	8
Cases for home permits	26
Cases investigated for Immigration authorities	4
Cases concerning street trades	40
Cases referred to Probation Officer	0
Cases referred to State Agents	3
Cases reported to Attendance Officer not found, (left town or moved elsewhere in town)	12
Cases of children found at home not registered at school of school age	10
Children found on streets not registered at school of school age	10
Cases of children found at home between ages of 14-16	16
Excused from attendance by School Physician	5
Children found at work	19
Children found absent from school coming from other towns	5
Children found working unlawfully	11
Cases reported to the Public Health Nurse	25
Cases of misconduct on streets and in stores	10
Visits to shops, factories, store, to investigate employment of minors	8
Cases investigated for Continuation School	6
Number of visits to schools, public and private ...	896

Number of disease notifications received from the Board of Health, referred to principals of schools	55
Number of cases referred to the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children	0
Number of families assisted by gifts, clothing, etc.	7
Number of children between ages 14 to 16 for whom employment was found	3

Total number of cases investigated 1704

COURT CASES

Number of children taken in court	0
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PUPILS WITHDRAWN FROM SCHOOL

Number of pupils moved from Southbridge during school sessions	81
Number of pupils transferred from private schools to public schools in town during school sessions	16
Number of pupils transferred from public schools to private schools in town during school sessions ...	13
Number of pupils transferred from public schools to public schools during school sessions	14

EMPLOYMENT CERTIFICATES ISSUED

Educational—16-21 literate	522
Educational—16-21 illiterate	55
Educational—Temporary	5
Employment between 14-16	127
Home permits	24
Special	4
Newsboys' badges	25

Total number of certificates issued 662

Respectfully submitted,

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PERFECT ATTENDANCE RECORD—1923-1924

	School	Grade	Age	Yrs.
Hector Leclair	High	XII	16	3
Raymond Durgin	High	XI	15	1
Catherine Clarke	High	XI	15	1
Beryl Morse	High	XI	15	1
Gertrude Lusignan	High	XI	15	1
Claire Beauregard	High	XI	16	1
Claire Robidoux	High	XI	15	1
George Demers	High	XI	13	2
Loretta Bachand	High	X	13	1
Fernand Proulx	High	X	15	1
Rudolph Brodeur	High	X	16	1
Ruth Wriston	High	X	14	1
Edwin Chamberlain	High	X	14	1
Mildred Armstrong	High	IX	16	2
Abbie Collins	High	IX	14	1
Doris Demers	High	IX	14	2
Helen Goodell	High	IX	15	1
Nathalie Morey	High	IX	14	1
Ruth Beck	Marcy Gram.	VIII	13	1
Howard Beck	Marcy Gram.	VIII	14	2
Kenneth Sutherland	Mar. Gram.	VIII	15	3
Martha Lord	Marcy Gram.	VIII	12	2
Elsie Hofstra	Marcy Gram.	VIII	14	2
Edgar Brousseau	Marcy Gram.	VII	12	2
Katherine Ohlwiler	Mar. Gram.	VII	12	1
Anna Misiazek	Marcy Gram.	VII	12	1
Wanda Orzech	Marcy Gram.	VII	11	2
Oswald Lavallee	Marcy Gram.	VI	14	2
James McKay	Marcy Gram.	VI	11	2
Louise Skinner	Marcy Gram.	VI	10	1
Lawrence Hall	Eng. Hse.	VI	13	1
Rudolph Brzeis	Eng. Hse.	VI	12	1
Ludwega Prantkielewicz	En. Hs.	VI	12	1
Joseph Remian	Eng. Hse.	V	11	2
Stephan Sumilas	Eng. Hse.	V	11	1
James Christenson	Mar. Ele.	V	10	1
Dorothy Beck	Mar. Ele.	V	11	1
Edmond Champagne	Mar. Ele.	V	10	1
Walter Lesniewski	Mar. Ele.	V	13	2
Dorothy Monroe	Mar. Ele.	V	10	1
Buron Wason	Mar. Ele.	V	11	1
Harold Wild	Mar. Ele.	IV	10	1

	School	Grade	Age	Yrs.
Mary Di Gregorio	Mechanic	IV ..	12	1
Alfred St. Pierre	Mechanic	IV	11	1
Wilfred Hofstra	School	IV	9	1
Mieczyslaw Kurposka	River	IV	10	1
Nellie Jura	River	III	8	2
Ida Bozzo	Mar. Ele.	III ..	8	1
Hattie Darzenkiewicz	Mar. Ele.	III	9	1
Rosario Labonte	Mechanic	III	12	1
Salvina Skowron	School	II	7	2
Edna Abrahamson	Mechanic	II ..	8	3
Emma Hofstra	School	I	6	1
Annie Di Gregorio	Elm	I	7	1
Mary Detarando	Mechanic	I	7	1
Frederick Weilblad	River	I ..	8	1
Emile Weilblad	River	I ..	7	1
Stephanie Liro	River	I	6	1
Jeannette LeClair	Lebanon			1

Evening Schools

Jeanne Arpin	High	Antonio Silva	Mechanic
Rose Berthiaume	High	Nicola Vesha	Mechanic
Alma Boudreau	High	George Kastrinakis	Mechanic
Julia Coughlin	High	Argyro Kastrinakis	Mechanic
Misto Lambi	High	Leosa Leblanc	Mechanic
Yvonne Laverdiere	High	Mary A. Leblanc	Mechanic
Margaret McGrath	High	Amanda Guilmette	Mechanic
Margaret Schaffner	High	Aldea Antaya	River
Emile Brault	High	Graciosa Capistran	River
Oscar Ouillette	Mechanic	Ledia Dusseault	River
Calice Guilmette	Mechanic	Leona Hebert	River
Adrien Pelletier	Mechanic	Mary A. Hebert	River
Jose Nunes Gouvias	Mechanic	Alberta Leblanc	River
Dennis Pappas	Mechanic	Juliette Peloquin	River
Alfred Pelletier	Mechanic	Joseph H. Cournoyer	River
Vangel Sotir	Mechanic	Josephat Lemoine	River

